



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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2013 CITY ELECTION DATES
-- February Primary/May Election --

By 4:00 p.m., Dec. 4, 2012	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates file nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.322; 168.644f)
By Dec. 4, 2012	Petitions to place questions on primary ballot filed with city clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By 4:00 p.m., Dec. 7, 2012	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates who wish to drop from primary file written requests to do so. (168.322a)
By Dec. 10, 2012	City clerk forwards names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321)
By Dec. 18, 2012	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on primary election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
By Jan. 12	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
Jan. 17 through Feb. 5	Precinct inspectors appointed for primary. (168.674)
By Jan. 21	Notice of close of registration for primary published. (168.498)
Jan. 28	Last day to register for primary. (168.497)
By 5:00 p.m., Feb. 6	Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office file qualifying petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m. Feb. 9	Candidates without political party affiliation who wish to drop from election file written requests to do so. (168.590c)

By Feb. 12	Petitions to place questions on general election ballot filed with city clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By Feb. 12	City clerk forwards names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office to county clerk. (168.321)
By Feb. 15	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements filed (closes Feb. 10).
By 4:00 p.m., Feb. 15	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a)
By Feb. 19	Notice of primary published. (168.653a)
By Feb. 21	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., Feb. 23	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
By 2:00 p.m. Feb. 25	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
By Feb. 26	Minor parties that wish to participate in partisan city general elections nominate candidates. (Party must have state recognized ballot status.) (168.646a)
By Feb. 26	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on general election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Feb. 26	Emergency absentee voting for primary. (168.759b)
Feb. 26	CITY PRIMARY
Before 11:00 a.m., Feb. 27	City clerk delivers result of primary to county clerk (if city does not maintain a canvassing board). (168.809)
By Mar. 23	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
By Mar. 28	Post-Primary Campaign Statements filed (closes Mar. 18).
Mar. 28 through Apr. 16	Precinct inspectors appointed for general election. (168.674)
By Apr. 1	Notice of close of registration for general election published. (168.498)
Apr. 8	Last day to register for general election. (168.497)

By Apr. 26	Pre-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Apr. 21)
By 4:00 p.m. Apr. 26	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a)
By Apr. 30	Notice of election published. (168.653a)
By May 2	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., May 4	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 6	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 7	Emergency absentee voting for election. (168.759b)
May 7	CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Before 11:00 a.m., May 8	City clerk delivers result of general election to county clerk (if city does not maintain a canvassing board). (168.809)
By Jun. 6	Post-General Campaign Statements filed (closes May 27).